Position Title:  Summer Zoo Camp Lead Instructor

Position Overview: Summer Zoo Camp Lead Instructor supports Zoo Boise’s wildlife conservation mission by managing, implementing and actively participating in education programs and staff that are imaginative, fun, hands-on, and focused on animals, ecology, and wildlife conservation through a multi-subject approach for children in grades PreK-7 for groups of 10-26 children.

Employer:  Friends of Zoo Boise
Reports to:  Education Director & Education Specialist

Schedule:
May 11-22: Orientation & Training up to 20 hours over two weeks, Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm. Schedule flexible.
May 26-29: Seasonal Instructor Staff Orientation & Training, Tuesday-Friday, 8am-5pm
June 1-August 21: Summer Camps, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Responsibilities:
• Implement pre-written lesson plans by delivering a creative, interactive, age-appropriate learning experience
• Utilize the zoo and the surrounding park to introduce campers to animals and nature through science projects, art, games, exploration and observation.
• Prepare classroom, teaching materials & supplies and clean-up of pre-developed program activities.
• May be responsible for handling of small education animals for programs.
• Mentor ZooTeen camp assistants in the skills required to work successfully with young children.
• Leave campers with a greater sense of ecological wonder, connection, respect and stewardship.
• Be a supportive team member by sharing ideas, assisting others, and participating in staff meetings.

Acting in a leadership role within your classroom, including:
• Assisting with the mentoring and training of Camp Instructors
• Coordinating Camp Counselor and ZooTeen volunteers
• Directing daily check-in and out, including interacting with parents and caregivers in a positive, helpful manner
• Manage education program supplies, schedules, and support staff both paid and volunteer

Requirements
• Previous experience in Zoo Boise Summer Camps or similar day camp setting
• Pursuing or has received a degree in education, natural sciences or related field preferred.
• Communicates and interacts in a positive, professional, and team-oriented manner with various populations such as: colleagues, volunteers, students, general public and organizational partners.
• Enthusiastic about working with children of all ages, abilities and learning styles.
• Ability to work in a variety of outdoor weather conditions and to traverse zoo property, bend, twist, stand, kneel, sit, walk, bend, stoop, speak and hear regularly for 8 hours.
• Committed to the wildlife conservation goals of Zoo Boise.
• Valid Driver’s License, good driving record and reliable transportation.
• U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
• Pass a criminal history background check.
• Provide proof of negative TB test taken within the past calendar year before employment start date.
• Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office

Salary & Benefits: $12.00-$13.00 per hour and dependent on experience. Vacation, medical and retirement plan benefits not available.

To apply, send cover letter, resumé and references by March 31, 2020 to:
Education Director
Friends of Zoo Boise
355 Julia Davis Drive
Boise, ID  83702 or email to zooeducation@cityofboise.org

No phone calls, please.

About Zoo Boise: Our mission is to connect our visitors with animals to inspire and involve our community in the conservation of wildlife worldwide. The 13-acre zoo is home to over 300 animals from 100 species, receives more than 340,000 visitors annually and is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Zoo Boise is operated by Friends of Zoo Boise and the City of Boise’s Parks & Recreation Department. www.zooboise.org